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Compilation Time Of A Program By
Selectively Reusing Object Code

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DECLARATION OF CARL D. BURCH PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Sir,

I, **Carl D. Burch**, hereby declare that:

1) I am the sole inventor of the invention embodied in the above-identified patent application. The invention is directed to compilation of a program by selectively reusing object code, methods of use thereof, and systems thereof.

2) I am advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has rejected one or more claims presently pending in the above-identified patent application based, at least in part, upon the publication entitled "SmartBuild High-Level Design, Version 1.0," Carl Burch, Nathaniel Nystrom (Sept. 28, 1998) visited 1/13/99: http://cllweb.cup.hp.com/llo/documents/general/smartbuild_hld.html (hereinafter referred to as "*Burch*"). I am further advised that the effective publication date of the *Burch* publication is September 28, 1998, while the effective date of the present application is October 23, 2001. I have read both the pending Office Action from the USPTO and the *Burch* reference.

3) The *Burch* document was co-authored by myself, along with Nathaniel Nystrom.

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